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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Friday ----------7:30 and 11:30 am
Saturday Morning ---------- 9:00 am
Saturday Mass of Anticipation ---------- 5:30 pm
Sunday Morning ---------- 8:00, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon
Holy Days----------to be announced

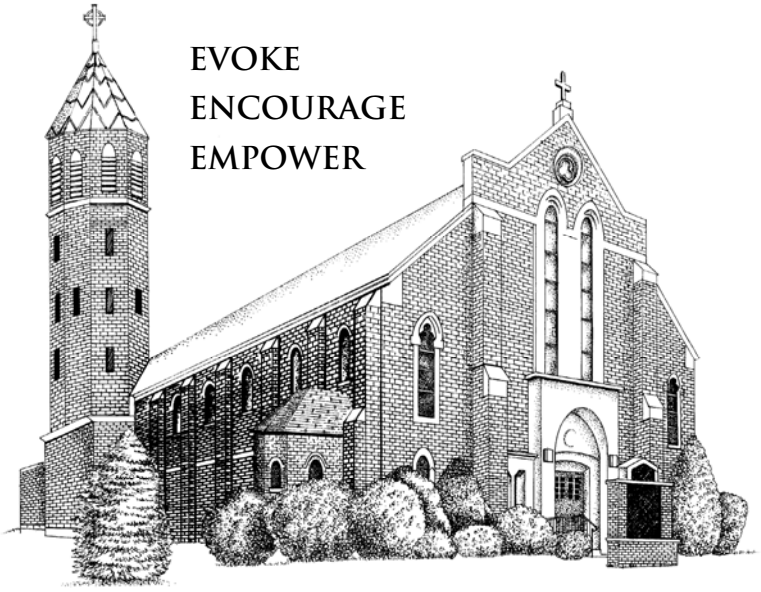
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARCHBISHOP WALSH COUNCIL #3550

Meets at St. Matthew Columbian Hall every 4th Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm.

POPE JOHN XXIII ASSEMBLY #668

Meets at St. Matthew Columbian Hall every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm.

How to Report Abuse… Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.



WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE

BAPTISM: The third Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm. Arrangements for Baptism are made by calling the rectory at 201-945-3500.

EUCHARIST/CONFIRMATION: Preparation programs for these sacraments are supplemental to the CCD or Interparochial School religious education programs. All eligible parish children participate in these programs regardless of their place in schooling.

MARRIAGE: The Bishops of New Jersey have directed that all sacramental preparations for the celebration of Marriage are to begin, with a staff priest, one year prior to the date of marriage. Engaged couples themselves are expected to call the rectory to make the proper arrangements.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please notify the Rectory of a family member who is ill. Urgent calls will be attended any time day or night.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Saturday from 1:00 to 1:30 pm. Confessions will be heard anytime upon request.

Rectory---------- 945-3500
E-mail---------- stmatthews@nj.rr.com
Website----------stmatthewridgefield.org
Knights of Columbus Website---------- www.KOFC3550.org

August 12, 2018
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 13 Sts. Pontian, Pope, & Hippolytus, Priest , Martyrs
7:30 **Carol Berta** req. Terrie& Bob Olson

Tuesday, August 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
7:30 **Florence Dammer** req. Cliff Dietrich
7:00 pm **Julie Panzarino** req. Fr. Conner

Wednesday, August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30 **Philip Pietro Sr.** req. Philip & Yolanda Pietro
11:30 **Maria Mattessich** req. M/M Ben Mattessich

Thursday, August 16 St. Stephen of Hungary
7:30 **Matea Busanich** req. Jill Busanich

Friday, August 17
7:30 **Antonio Morin** req. Busanich Family

Saturday, August 18
8:30 **Recitation of the Holy Rosary**
9:00 **Donald Redden** req. Redden/Biggiani Families
5:30 **Mildred & John Taglieri** req. Taglieri Family

Sunday, August 19 20th Sunday In Ordinary Time
8:00 **People of the Parish**
10:00 **Nicolas & Ann Mangione** req. Joe & Carolyn Mangino and Family
12:00 **Jean Antenora** req. Gagliostro Family

PRAYER REQUESTS

A time to be healed…
Barbara Auche, Orazzio Bruno, Mildred Castelucci, Nicole DeOrio, Lorraine DeSimone, Albert DeSimone Holly Duddy, Michael Duddy, Carolyn Mangino, Anthony Martello, Felicia Martello, Christine Sargent, Ron Storf and Daniel Vandak

A time to serve…
All men and women in our military, here and abroad

A time to return to the Lord
Diane Calabria

Wednesday, August 15, 2018
Bible Study – 7 PM – Columbian Hall
Assumption Collection
Thursday, August 16, 2018
Knights of Columbus Officers Installation
Of Councils in Assembly #668
6:00 pm in Church
K of C Family BBQ – 7pm on Church Grounds

Stewardship Of Treasure

"Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. In giving, you will receive the peace of Christ."

Offertory Collection – July 29, 2018

Budgeted Amount Needed Weekly 2018/19	$4,904.00
Actual Collection (Inc. Elec. Giv/Monthly	$3,472.97
Surplus/Deficit	(1,431.03)

Year-to-Date through July 29, 2018	$24,520.00
Actual Collection Inc. Elec. Giv/Monthly	$22,593.00
Surplus/Deficit	(1,927.00)

Offertory Collection – Aug. 5, 2018

Budgeted Amount Needed Weekly2018/2019	$4,904.00
Actual Collection (Inc. Elec. Giv/Monthly)	$5,287.00
Surplus/Deficit	(383.00)

Year-to-Date through August 5, 2018	$29,424.00
Actual	$27,952.00
Surplus/Deficit	(1,472.00)

HOW MUCH IS 5%

Weekly Income	**$150**	**$200**	**$300**	**$400**	**$500**
Offering	**$7.50**	**$10**	**$15**	**$20**	**$25**

This Weekend's Second Collection is our Air Conditioning and Landscaping Collection

There will be a collection during the liturgies of the FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION on Wednesday, August 15, 2018

Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated!

St. Matthew Parish is urgently in need of gift cards from Shop-Rite for the poor. Our supply is almost depleted. Please consider a Shop-Rite gift card donation and bring it to the rectory during regular business hours. Our staff will make sure it goes to a needy individual or family.

Food Pantry

The St. Matthew Parish Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

Peanut Butter – Jelly
Cereal – Coffee
Butter – Shampoos – Deodorants

PLEASE, NO VEGGIES OR SOUPS AT THIS TIME!

Kindly check the expiration dates on any items you donate to the food pantry.
We cannot accept items with expired date codes.
We greatly appreciate your food donations.

BOOK DRIVE FOR BIRTHRIGHT

Please donate new or gently used children's books for ages five and under.

A box will be located in the vestibule of St. Matthew's Church now through September 2018.
Thank you!

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP

We will be holding a Protecting God's Children Workshop on SATURDAY< SEPT. 29, 2018 at 9:30am At Notre Dame Academy in Palisades Park.
Everyone who has not attended a workshop in more than 3 years must attend this workshop. It includes all lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, and all Religious Education Catechists and volunteers. If you are a teacher, coach or class parent at Notre Dame you must also attend.
Please register online at:

Re-registration For Our Parish Religious Ed Program
We will begin enrolling students for our religious education program. All students in grades 1-8 who are not enrolled in a catholic school should be enrolled in our program. Registration forms will be e-mailed to all returning families shortly. If you are the parent of a first grader or you are new to the program please contact the rectory and a form will be sent to you.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

St. Matthew Religious Education program is blessed with many dedicated volunteers who help to pass on our faith to the children and young adults of our parish, but there is always room for more.
Please consider joining this ministry. We are looking for catechists, substitute catechists, classroom aides, hall monitors and especially help overseeing our Sunday program. If you think you might be interested in helping with this important program please contact Maria Bernard at the rectory soon.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

The Archbishop Thomas J. Walsh Council #3550 holds its regular business meeting every fourth Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm in Columbian Hall.
Any Catholic gentleman 18 years of age or older can Become a Knight of Columbus by contacting this year's Grand Knight Anthony Ventre at 201-906-0770.
You can also join online at njkofc.org
The next Admission Degree will be held on Sunday Evening, August 26, 2018 at 6:00pm
Registration begins at 5:30pm

Archdiocesan Position Opening – Administrative Asst.

Christ the Teacher School in Fort Lee has a position opening for an administrative assistant which is available for occupancy by August 15, 2018.

Interested applicants should have technology skills especially Microsoft Word and Excel, be personable, knowledge of Powerschool and Smart Tuition is a plus.

Contact: Mrs. Cynthia Schirm – Principal
Christ the Teacher School
cschirm@christtheteacherschool.org

Archdiocesan Position Opening – Asst. to Religious Ed Director

Seeking a faith-filled, energetic, fun-loving Catholic to serve as an Assitant to the Religious Ed Director. Must love Jesus and kids and have some experience with pre-school kids and up to 3rd grade. Able to train middle-school kids as assistants in class. Part-time position, involves working mostly on Sundays and some Saturdays. Also able to suggest ways to integrate technology into the classrooms for music and videos. Parish is aiming to make the kids programs excellent and draw families back to the church.

For information, contact Monica Sidorick at 201-939-0457 or stjosepher@aol.com.

Visit the parish website at stjosepher.com,
Which is being redone over the summer. You can also contact
Fr. Joe Astarita at
St. Joseph Church,
120 Hoboken Road,
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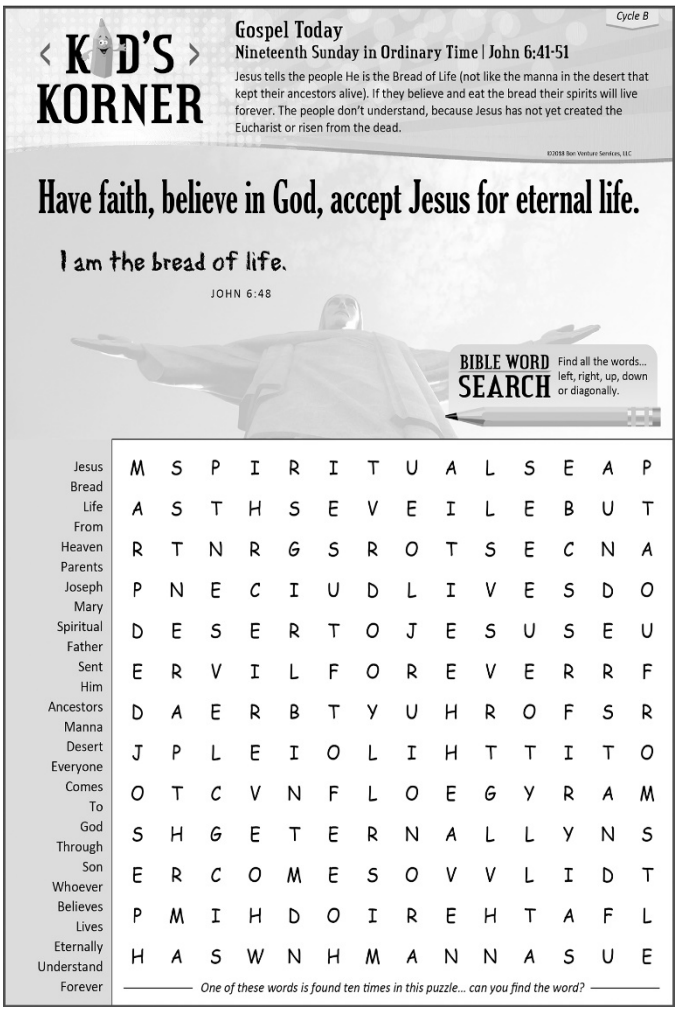
201-939-0457 or email: jastarita@gmail.com



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY *by Rev. William J. Reilly*

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 12, 2018

"Elijah prayed for death, saying: This is enough, O Lord. Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers. He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat…for the angel of the Lord came back a second time, touched him and ordered 'Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you.' He got up, ate and drank…he walked forty days and nights to the mountain of God, Horeb."

We return to Capernaum and find Jesus telling us 'I AM the bread of life.' It is in the Eucharist we find Jesus present to accompany us on our journey. Elijah was awakened twice and was ordered to brace himself for the journey. Jesus is the bread of life for us. We often overlook how great, how important, how necessary is this gift for our spiritual survival.

How many people in the world die each day of starvation? Too many, and we are called to assist them. How many people in the church take the gift of the Eucharist for granted? We speak of a priest shortage, while we should focus on the lack of appreciation for the gift of the Eucharist. Where in our world are people deprived of what is so essential, yet we sometimes take the priesthood, the mass and Eucharist for granted.

If Jesus is the bread of life, I need to go to Him with renewed fervor and gratitude. 'Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you.'

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